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WSDOT's Highways & Local Programs and the WST2 Center present:

# **Making Effective Presentations**

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(The phone number shown above is to use in case of emergency to contact a student in the class.)



Cost: \$85 Time: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Class Size: 12

Instructor: Tom Peterson, Bates Technical College

### **Target Audience**

This course is for anyone who wants to gain skills in preparing and giving presentations before a group.

#### **Course Description**

Speaking before a group is a skill that can be learned and involves knowing how to prepare and practice to accomplish your desired results. This workshop gives you practice in developing your communication skills and presenting your ideas clearly, confidently and persuasively.

## **Objectives**

Participants will learn how to:

- 1. Select, plan and prepare topics for presentation to a group in a business setting,
- 2. Present 2-3 topics during the duration of the service, using the structure and techniques taught in the workshops,
- 3. Evaluate the effectiveness of presentations by applying elements of constructive critique

#### Course Agenda

- 1. Overcoming the initial barrier: Stage Fright
- 2. Planning the presentation
  - a. Defining the purpose
  - b. Analyzing the audience
  - c. Establishing the setting
- 3. Preparing the presentation
  - a. Writing the introduction
  - b. Developing the outline of the body of the presentation
  - c. Summarizing and the conclusion
- 4. Practice makes perfect
  - a. Individual presentations
- 5. Polishing the presentation
  - a. Communicating clearly
  - b. Delivery with dash and flair
  - c. Using humor
  - d. Handling questions
- 6. Evaluating your presentation



Questions? Contact Laurel Gray at (360) 705-7355 or GrayL@wsdot.wa.gov.

**Registration:** You can register on-line using this link: On-line Registration Form. Fill in your information\*, select your class from the list, then press "Submit." You will receive an e-mail notification with driving directions to the training site when we process your request. If you do not receive this e-mail notification within a few days, you may not be registered and should contact us by phone.

Please do not prepay, an invoice will be mailed after the class. Confirmation letters are mailed three weeks prior to the class. If you are unable to attend, someone else from your agency may attend in your place. To cancel your registration, or for assistance with registration, e-mail <a href="wst2center@wsdot.wa.gov">wst2center@wsdot.wa.gov</a> or schmidw@wsdot.wa.gov or phone (360) 705-7386.

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